

Thomas Durkin, 4611 Wallace st., city employe.

Sadie Crawford fined \$10 and costs for keeping disorderly house at 542 N. Clark st.

Sale of Women's Temple building, La Salle and Monroe sts., set for May 27.

Nine judges and clerks in 5th ward investigated by grand jury for alleged election frauds.

Forty-six men arrested for loitering about river wharves fined \$3 and costs.

—o—o— **EFFECT OF LOW WAGES GIVEN BY WELFARE HEAD**

"It will pay the city of Chicago in dollars and cents to take care of its poor, for if it does not it will reap a harvest of criminals."

This was the statement of Mrs. Leonore Z. Meder, commissioner of the Public Welfare Bureau, to a Day Book reporter in reference to the investigation made as to the cause and remedy for unemployment.

"Our investigations show appalling conditions. Out of 1,469 families nearly 50 per cent of the heads of the families were either entirely out of employment or only worked half time. Sometimes a boy or girl in the family made \$5 a week; 439 families lived on \$9 a week, and nearly every one of these families have from 3 to 10 children.

"A lot of them lived nearly all winter on the board they got from one boarder because no member of the family had employment. One family consisting of the father and mother and five children had four boarders and they all lived in two rooms all winter with one little window that went out into the court and through which no air could come in.

"One man worked four months as a laborer and earned \$1.25 a day last summer. He has had no work since and he has been existing with other men in a similar position on what they saved out of those four months'

work, paying on an average of \$1 a month rent apiece, with eight men living in two rooms and each doing their own washing and cooking.

"A colored man came in here the other day and said he had not eaten for 30 hours. He worked on a boat last summer and when he got his money he paid 10 cents a day for a room up until May 1, so that he would have a place to sleep all winter, but he said he often went hungry during that time.

"Twenty years ago the company at Pullman made a great fuss about what they were going to do, what a model city they would have for their employes. They even had beautiful garden beds.

"Go out to Pullman today and see what you find. There are no flower beds now. There is grim poverty, the houses falling apart and many of the people starving. The company has gotten wealthy, but the people who worked for the company have not prospered.

"And what is true of Pullman is true of all the districts we have surveyed. One story exceeds another in pathos.

"A man came to this country a year ago. He went to Pullman to work. He worked six weeks steadily and after that he could get only odd jobs. A doctor gave him a prescription to stimulate his appetite, but all the family had to eat was what they bought with the money a boarder paid and the boarder left because he felt he was not getting the worth of his money.

"The most that women got all winter was \$7 help and the family lived on that.

"In one case we investigated in the 17th precinct of the 16th ward a family of five was living on 3 cents' worth of bread and 3 cents' worth of sauer kraut.

"Let the city open up the public works, widen 12th street and let us have a prosperous city. It will pay Chicago in the long run."